

Ben Webb for SECRETARY AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER¹

(ASNaC Ben, or ASNaC, if you want to dehumanise me)

Unfortunately this manifesto is not splashed about with colour and photos, because as Secretary I will present you with an accurate account of WHAT WAS SAID, in Times New Roman, with single-spaced lines and size 14 font.² I have no grand aims for my Secretaryship, other than to faithfully minute and weekly update, as discussed in my competitors' manifestos. As Joseph Pritchard states, I will make the JCR Committee 'as open, accessible and transparent as possible' by 'ensuring committee meeting minutes and the news bulletin are regularly circulated to all College members'.³

The following is why I think I would be an effective Secretary:

- I balance time between seventeen contact hours a week, a weekly essay, Choir, and sundry other activities (not here mentioned, as they sound more fun), thanks to my beloved Academic Diary. I am a compulsive planner, and tend to get things done. Mostly.⁴

- I am the Representative for the University's cadre of first-year ASNaCs, and thus liaise with senior staff bi-termly in order to fight the corner of the thirteen first-years. I have so far attended two meetings, one being the termly Departmental Meeting. Needless to say, I have learned much about the art of Minutes and Agendas through this. Over the last month I have been corresponding with the other ASNaC representatives to suggest to the Head of Department a set of guidelines on Graduate supervisors' use of the ASNaC Common Room.⁵

- I LOVE admin! I worked in the 2019 Peterhouse Telethon, and while I was by no means the most successful caller, I did enjoy producing comprehensive and amusing — *I found them amusing* — call-notes. As you may have noticed, I also relish the creation of footnotes, an art which I feel is unappreciated by my supervisors. This may make me a sad human being, but I believe it speaks to my eye for detail and accuracy (some might say my pernicketiness), and my suitability for the role of General Secretary...⁶

¹ The position of Secretary and Communications Officer, being a bit of a mouthful, is henceforth referred to as 'Secretary'.

² If members of the JCR wish to change this bold formatting choice, let me know. I believe in giving everyone a say in the glorious world of fonts and 'boring' design decisions.

³ Pritchard, J., *Joey Pritchard for Secretary and Communications Officer* (Cambridge, 2019). (http://www.peterhousejcr.co.uk/static/uploads/manifestos/2019_Secretary_J.Pritchard.pdf)

Unless informed otherwise, however, I will not send this information to 'all College members', but simply the members of the JCR, and the relevant senior figures.

⁴ I am only human.

⁵ TL;DR: I do admin-based ASNaC stuff.

⁶ Mwuhhahahaaa!! Jk. ** I WILL NOT BE THIS FLIPPANT IN ACTUAL JCR PUBLICATIONS.